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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 6 Percent From Last Year

On February 1, 2009, Arizona had 349,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 24,000 head from a year ago and 9,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 27,000 head during January, 8,000 head less than a year ago. During January, 35,000 head were marketed, an increase of 6,000 head from last year.

On February 1, 2009, California had 480,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 75,000 head from last year and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 51,000 head during January, 25,000 head less than last year. During January, 59,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 13,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on February 1, 2009. The inventory was 6 percent below February 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.86 million, 4 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.79 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 553,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 420,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.74 million, 6 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of January since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during January, 12 percent above 2008.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2008-2009

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	Feb 1, 2008	Jan 1, 2009	Feb 1, 2009			During January			During January			During January 2/		
			Number	as % of 2008	as % of Jan	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	373	358	349	94	97	35	27	77	29	35	121	1	1	100
CA	555	490	480	86	98	76	51	67	72	59	82	9	2	22
CO	1,090	1,000	1,020	94	102	180	200	111	185	170	92	5	10	200
ID	235	220	215	91	98	43	37	86	42	41	98	1	1	100
IA	570	500	520	91	104	72	81	113	69	59	86	3	2	67
KS	2,430	2,270	2,260	93	100	405	435	107	445	430	97	10	15	150
NE	2,510	2,370	2,400	96	101	380	400	105	390	360	92	10	10	100
NM	160	164	158	99	96	16	9	56	15	13	87	1	2	200
OK	355	335	330	93	99	54	54	100	47	57	121	2	2	100
SD	230	220	225	98	102	45	43	96	43	35	81	2	3	150
TX	2,930	2,790	2,810	96	101	400	440	110	420	405	96	10	15	150
WA	153	157	151	99	96	27	30	111	*31	35	113	2	1	50
Other Sts	375	360	370	99	103	54	51	94	65	38	58	4	3	75
US	11,966	11,234	11,288	94	100	1,787	1,858	104	*1,853	1,737	94	60	67	112

* Revised.

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

January Milk Production Up 1.0 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from January 2008. December revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from December 2007. The December revision represented an increase of 44 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,746 pounds for January, 5 pounds above January 2008.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.51 million head, 58,000 head more than January 2008, and 12,000 head less than December 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, January 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	185	189	2,020	1,980	374	374	
CA	1,838	1,831	1,900	1,880	3,492	3,442	-1.4
CO	126	129	1,880	1,940	237	250	5.5
FL	120	118	1,550	1,620	186	191	2.7
ID	534	554	1,870	1,820	999	1,008	0.9
IL	103	102	1,615	1,610	166	164	-1.2
IN	167	167	1,710	1,695	286	283	-1.0
IA	216	215	1,680	1,700	363	366	0.8
KS	115	125	1,720	1,750	198	219	10.6
KY	91	86	1,185	1,200	108	103	-4.6
MI	344	354	1,910	1,875	657	664	1.1
MN	463	468	1,610	1,630	745	763	2.4
MO	110	108	1,225	1,270	135	137	1.5
NM	336	334	1,900	2,015	638	673	5.5
NY	626	624	1,660	1,670	1,039	1,042	0.3
OH	278	277	1,540	1,560	428	432	0.9
OR	114	115	1,685	1,680	192	193	0.5
PA	552	550	1,630	1,630	900	897	-0.3
TX	402	430	1,685	1,780	677	765	13.0
VT	140	138	1,585	1,530	222	211	-5.0
VA	98	97	1,540	1,545	151	150	-0.7
WA	243	243	1,965	1,910	477	464	-2.7
WI	1,250	1,255	1,635	1,645	2,044	2,064	1.0
23-State Total	8,451	8,509	1,741	1,746	14,714	14,855	1.0

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Honey Production Up 8 Percent

Honey production in 2008 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 161 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2007. There were 2.30 million colonies producing honey in 2008, down 6 percent from 2007. Yield per colony averaged 69.9 pounds, up 15 percent from the 60.7 pounds in 2007. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 50.4 million pounds on December 15, 2008, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Arizona honey production totaled 1.60 million pounds, 17 percent less than in 2007. Honey producing colonies, at 25,000, are down 5,000 colonies from a year ago. Yield per colony was 64 pounds, unchanged from 2007.

Honey Price Record High

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2008 to 141.0 cents, up 31 percent from 107.7 cents in 2007. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2008 were up from the previous year for all color classes and marketing channels. Prices for the 2007 crop reflect honey sold in 2007 and 2008. Some 2007 crop honey was sold in 2008, which caused some revisions to the 2007 crop prices.

Arizona's average price per pound was 125 cents, down 1 cent from 2007. Value of production, at 2.00 million dollars, was down 17 percent from a year earlier.

Record Low For January Lamb and Mutton Production

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.17 billion pounds in January, down 6 percent from the 4.42 billion pounds produced in January 2008.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 6 percent from January 2008. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,306 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.0 million pounds, 6 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 84,700 head, 19 percent above January 2008. The average live weight was down 24 pounds from last year, at 245 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.03 billion pounds, 6 percent below the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.92 million head, 6 percent below January 2008. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.3 million pounds, was 10 percent below January 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,400 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 2 pounds from January a year ago.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009	January 2009 as % of 2/	
				January 2008	December 2008
<u>Arizona 3/</u> <u>Total Red Meat</u>	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
	34,000	33,700	31,500	93	93
<u>United States</u>	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,232.0	2,082.0	2,118.4	95	102
Veal	11.3	13.3	12.0	106	90
Pork	2,157.8	2,052.0	2,026.0	94	99
Lamb and Mutton	14.8	15.4	13.3	90	86
Total Red Meat	4,415.9	4,162.7	4,169.6	94	100

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona, January 2009 and U.S., January 2009 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January			January		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight	Average Live Weight
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	Million Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	45.1	57,860	1,290	2,718.4	3,537,601	1,306
Hogs	0.1	42	301	9,922.3	2,696,971	272

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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February Farm Prices Received Index Declined 12 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 12 points (8.6 percent) from January. The Crop Index is down 12 points (7.5 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 5 points (4.4 percent). Producers received lower prices for lettuce, milk, corn, and eggs and higher prices for snap beans, strawberries, hogs, and turkeys. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle,

milk, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 19 points (13 percent) from February 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 122, decreased 12 points (9.0 percent) from last month and 22 points (15 percent) from February 2008.

Prices Paid Index Down 2 Points

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 173 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 2 points (1.1 percent) from January but 2 points (1.2 percent) above February 2008. Lower

prices in February for nitrogen, potash & phosphate, mixed fertilizer, and feed grains more than offset higher prices for gasoline, other farm services, complete feeds, and feed supplements.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, January 2008 and 2009 and February 2009

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		February 2008 Entire Month	January 2009 Entire Month	February 2009 Mid-Month	February 2008 Entire Month	January 2009 Entire Month	February 2009 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	60.20	1/	1/	63.00	46.10	43.60
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	1/	277.00	1/	175.00	214.00	213.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	470.00	271.70	259.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	165.00	188.00	180.00	138.00	149.00	143.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	---	31.00	25.00	62.90	30.10	26.70
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	52.00	40.00	43.00	51.70	42.30	44.30
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	95.00	86.00	83.00	94.30	85.80	85.40
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	75.20	58.40	59.00	89.00	80.10	80.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	114.00	100.00	100.00	120.00	106.00	105.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	18.30	12.80	10.70	19.10	13.30	11.50

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Marketing year August – February.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs., Grapefruit 67 lbs.

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

8/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2008		2009	
	January	February	January	February
Prices Received	144	146	139	127
Prices Paid	169	171	175	173
Ratio 1/	85	85	79	73

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.